

County Library Board
May 7th, 2008

The meeting came to order at 10:02 with Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Gary Forney, Donna Ohs, and Pat Bradley; and Director, Joanne Erdall present. Chair, Evalyn Johnson was absent. We were later joined by County Commissioner, Jim Hart.

The minutes of the April 17th, 2008 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes, with the amendment about discussion of hiring Ruth Hauri to assist at the library in an emergency and extra help capacity being discussed was made by Gary Forney and seconded by Donna Ohs.

Old Business:

Jim Hart shared that the engineer's had visited in late April to observe our building's foundation erosion problem. Jim McGowan and Dan McCauley, contracted engineers, will submit a plan: to take out the old fuel tank, put in a new French type drain and reconstruction of some of the concrete work. He also explained the French drain concept and how it would divert the water from coming into the building basement. Jim Hart discussed why some other ideas of dealing with the water seepage wouldn't be feasible. We stressed that September would be an ideal month for the work project itself, due to our busy summer season. We asked that they try to make an appointment now so it is done before winter hits. Commissioner Hart also shared that the commissioner's had come up with another plan for us to get some more space without putting in an addition to this building, but needed more time to work things out. We agreed to put the building addition on hold for one more meeting.

Hart also announced a digitalization project planned for records from the Clerk and Recorder's office this summer. Erdall asked why the Pace Archive's historical documents hadn't been considered? Hart said he wasn't sure and to get a hold of Commissioner, Marilyn Ross and Clerk and Recorder, Peggy Kaatz-Stemler for more information on this project.

We thanked Commissioner Hart for attending our meeting, as he left for another meeting. We continued the rest of our meeting. A lengthy discussion followed on building needs. Erdall would look into status of 501C that the archives use to hold many years ago.

Harold Blattie, Executive Director of MACo (Montana Association of Counties) still planned to present his workshop on Montana Library Law: budgets and trustee duties on Monday, May 19th here at our library. Erdall had invited all surrounding libraries to attend. Plans were ironed out for logistics.

New Business:

Erdall discussed all the educational classes set in the month of May. The Alder School children would be here three more days. The Washington State University students arrive today and will be here three weeks using the archives. Johanna Lester, Madison County IT department will be teaching Excel classes on May, 20, 21, 27 and 28 to county employees. Joanne would be traveling to Helena for the Montana State County History Initiative meetings, May 12th and 13th. A letter from the Montana Historical Society inviting Erdall to be a part of the steering committee was shared.

The remainder of the meeting was spent finalizing our preliminary budget for presentation on Friday, May 23rd. We only worked on line items #212 supplies down through #373 travel. The County Board of Compensation is meeting to decide the cost of living increases for this year. We would try to seek between \$1000-\$2000 above that increase amount, to be put in extra help line item #112, for emergency and conference/workshop type coverage of the library. In discussing this matter, Erdall has been stressing to the board her concerns of keeping the library open in her absences. For instance, she left for a week's vacation to Mexico and Faye was sick when she left. How she has many obligations as the Director of the Library to attend the following annual meetings or workshops: Montana Shared Catalog consortium, Broad Valleys Federation retreat, annual Montana Library Conference, continuing education workshops for certification, 4 River's Partnership Group and Montana History Initiative Steering Committee.

The next meeting was set for June 12th at 10:00 am.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45.